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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the application as follows: